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THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Spurgeon wrote the following: "We believe that one reason the Church of God at this present moment has so little influence over the world is because the world has so much influence over the Church - Worldliness has gone a long way to destroy the Church of God. I judge it to be the worse canker worm that assails us." My Friend, what would Spurgeon and others of former days say if they saw the average Bible-believing Church and its members today?

THINK ABOUT THIS

Fritz Kreisler, the great violinist, said of his talents: I was born with music in my system. I knew musical scores before my ABC's. It was a gift of Providence. Music is too sacred to be sold. I never look upon the money I earn as my own. It is only a fund entrusted to my care for proper distribution. I feel guilty in ordering a costly meal, when some child is deprived of milk. In all these years, of my success we have not built a home for my wife and myself. Between it and us, stand all the homeless of the world." Does not this testimony of an unsaved man condemn many Christians who cannot find it in their hearts to tithe unto God?

YOU MUST EAT TO BE STRONG

In Jer.15:16 it says, "**Thy words were found and I did eat them: and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of my heart.**" Many Christians are just tasters. They dabble here and there in the Word of God. They have a few favorite passages. But if we are going to be mature and strong spiritually, we must eat, and eat all of it. The Bible must be chewed, swallowed, digested and assimilated into our very being. It must become a part of us! We must read it - meditate upon it - memorize it - obey it - pass it on to others.

NO PROGRESS

A man was standing on the shore watching a pretty little vessel with its white sail shining in the sunlight. He said to a seaman standing nearby, "How is it that ship doesn't seem to be moving? Her sail is spread and there is plenty of breeze, but she seems to be making no progress." "She's anchored," replied the sailor. That's just like some Christians, they appear to be fine but they make no progress because they are anchored to this world by some sin, some worldliness.

DON'T WORRY

Worry is like a rocking chair; it will give you something to do but it won't get you anywhere! God says, Don't worry! Phil.4:6: "**Be careful for nothing but in everything by prayer...**"